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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 756  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Christina Thornton, 1998 Valedictorian  
of Ezell-Harding Christian School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals  
who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their  
academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Christina Thornton is one such outstanding student who has distinguished  
herself as valedictorian of the 1998 graduating class at Ezell-Harding Christian School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during  
examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Christina Thornton has achieved  
extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee  
and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, Chrissy has earned an exceptional  
99.26 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, her leadership skills and academic achievements have not been overlooked  
by her fellow students, as she has been elected Student Body Treasurer, Student Council  
Representative, and Beta Club Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Chrissy's other academic honors include her participation at the 1997  
Harding Honors Symposium, the State Beta Convention, and the National Young Leaders

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Conference in Washington, D.C, in 1997 and again in 1998; she was also a 1997 Girls State Representative and a member of the 1996 Quiz Bowl State Champions; and

WHEREAS, Chrissy is also a member of the Pep Club, the Beta Club, the Spanish Club, the Drama Club, the Red Cross Club, the L'Amitie Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Spiritual Advisory Committee, and the Yearbook Staff; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her academic success, Chrissy has triumphed athletically; she was a member of the 1995 Class A State Champion Ezell-Harding softball team and the 1996 Class A State Runner-Up team. She was also voted 1995 best offensive player in the Inner City Church Basketball League and was a member of the 1995 and 1997 League Championship teams. She is now a member of the Ezell-Harding tennis team; and

WHEREAS, despite all the demands placed upon her, Chrissy still finds time to lend her considerable talents to the Woodson Chapel Church of Christ, where she is a member of the youth group and a teacher of the Sunday Night children's Bible class; and

WHEREAS, she was voted Most Likely to Succeed by her graduating class; and

WHEREAS, Chrissy's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Christina Thornton's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, Patrick and Sandra Thornton, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Thorton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Christina Thornton, the 1998 Valedictorian of Ezell-Harding Christian School, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.